TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1107.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Thursday, the 11th August 1932/27th Karkatakam, 1107.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 11-30 of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Education Reforms Committee.

351. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the purpose for which the Education Reforms Committee was recently constituted ;

(*b*) the principle on which the personnel of the Committee was chosen ; and

(*c*) the reason why Rao Bahadur K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Principal of the Arts and Training Colleges, was not appointed as a member of the Committee ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Education Reforms Committee has not yet been constituted.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, these questions do not arise.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know from the member whether any Committee has been formed in connection with the proposed educational reforms ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No Committee has been formed.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know whether any body has been formed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A conference was held.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know from the member the principle on which invitations were issued in regard to the Conference ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The selection was made by the Dewan in consultation with the Director and no principle is enunciated in the file.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether in the proposed educational reforms as a result of the Conference any question regarding teaching in schools and colleges will come up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That depends upon the terms of reference and I have no idea as to what they are.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether there is any particular reason why Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar was not invited for the Conference?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no particular reason.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) May I know whether there is any other Principal of any college in the State who was not invited?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know who those Principals are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) The Principal of the Women's College, the Principal of the C. M. S. College and the Principal of the Nagercoil College were not invited.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*); Among the first grade College is the Principal of any other college omitted?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Principal of the Women's College was not invited.

Knowledge in Arabic of the present Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

352. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. A. Ahmed Kunju, Ag. Mahomedan Inspector of Schools, possesses any qualification in Arabic which is necessary for that post, and, if so, the nature of such qualifications;

(*b*) if not, why he is so appointed;

(*c*) whether persons with required qualifications for the place are available, and, if so, who they are;

(*d*) whether representations regarding this have been made to the Government by anybody; and

(*e*) if so, the action taken by them on such representations?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. A. Ahmed Kunju has no examination qualification in Arabic but he is reported to be proficient in that language.

(*b*) At the time of his first entertainment no one else qualified in Arabic was available.

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